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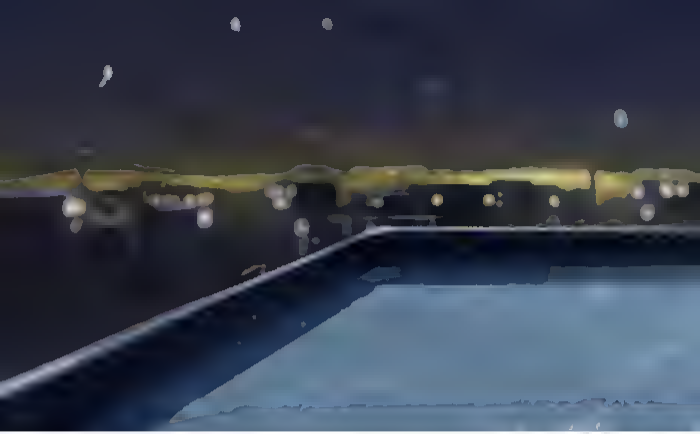

BZZT
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HEHEH...
SEND!

TUP
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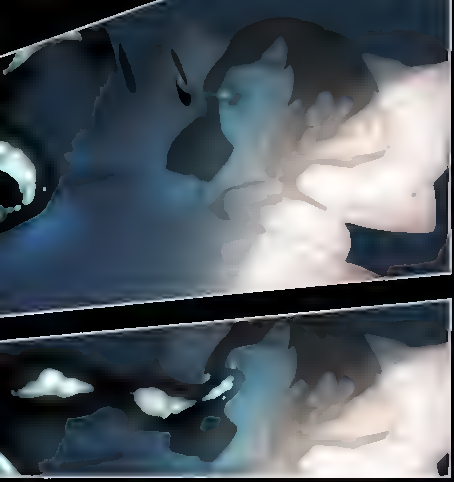
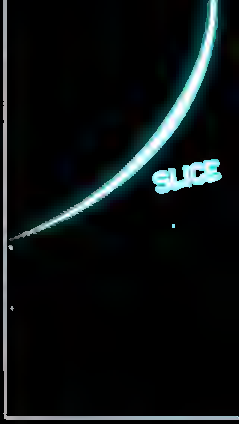
WELCOME BACK.
HOW ARE OUR VICTIMS SO FAR?

PRETTY BAD FROM WHAT I SAW.

THEY'RE STILL ATTACHED TO THE TIMOREM THAT ATTACKED THEM.
IT'S FEEDING OFF THEIR SOULS GRADUALLY
GLOW
THE CONNECTION COULDN'T BE SEVERED, EVEN WITH LUNE.





I PUT UP CONTAINMENT VEILS TO GUARD THE TWO LIKE YOU ORDERED SO THEY'RE PROTECTED FROM ANY SMALLER, WANDERING TIMOREM.

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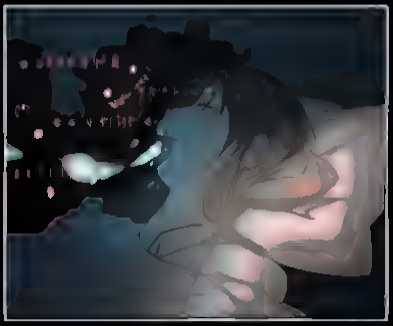
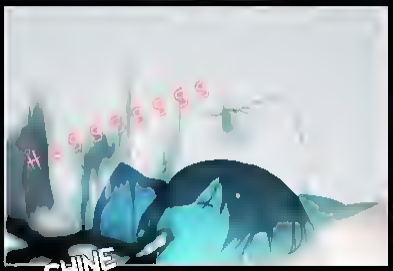
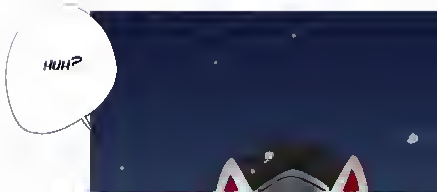



SHINE

...THEIR CURRENT PSYCHE WILL EVENTUALLY SIGNAL BIGGER PREDATORS IF WE DON'T END THIS SOON

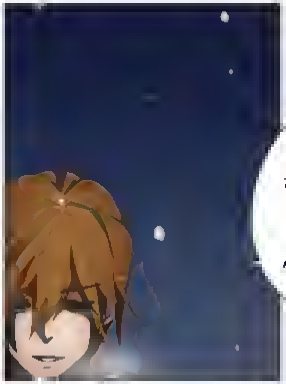
I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN HOLD OUT TWO VEILS PAST 24 HOURS...
PART OF GROWING IS KNOWING YOUR LIMITS, PARIS.
FOCUS ON KEEPING THOSE KIDS SAFE FOR NOW. IT'S GOOD TO BE MINDFUL OF THE TIME, BUT DON'T LET IT DISTRACT YOU
REMEMBER HOW METICULOUS YOU CAN BE.

IF WE END UP IN A PINCH, YOU MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONE WE COULD RELY ON, AND THAT WOULD MEAN FURTHER DIVIDING YOUR POWER.



AREN'T YOU GOING TO BE DOING ANYTHING TOO? CASES LIKE THESE ONLY TAKE ABOUT 1 OR 2 DAYS—ARE YOU REALLY CHANGING THE FLOW BECAUSE OF LEON?

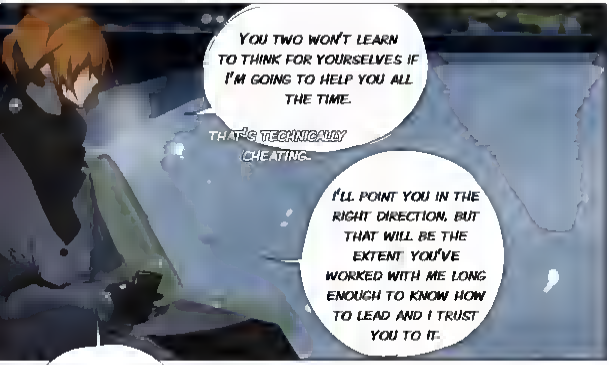
PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE AT STAKE HERE. WE CAN'T PUT THEM FURTHER INTO DANGER THE LONGER WE TAKE.



THAT'S NORMAL IN THIS LINE OF WORK PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER WHEN YOU'RE IGNORANT AND DIRECTIONLESS.

THIS TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO BE FAR FROM THAT. LEON JUST HAS TO REALIZE FOR HIMSELF THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER.

YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW. WHEN I RECRUIT, IT'S TO PRODUCE LEADERS, NOT FOLLOWERS.


You two won't learn to think for yourselves if I'm going to help you all the time.
That's technically cheating.
I'll point you in the right direction, but that will be the extent you've worked with me long enough to know how to lead and I trust you to it.

Regardless of what happened, Elliot and Freya succeeded and turned into fine leaders through my mentorship. And now it's your turn

I KNOW IT'S HARD TO TALK ABOUT THEM, ESPECIALLY ELLIOT, BUT REMEMBER WHY YOU HAVE TO WORK THIS HARD.

WHO KNOWS. MAYBE WITH LEON WITH US NOW, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND HIM SOONER.

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MUMBLE
..WITH HIS HELP?

HM?
FINE. WELL HOW ARE THING ON HIS END? DID HE FIND THE HOSTIA YET?

WELL WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM FOR YOURSELF? IT WILL ONLY BENEFIT US WHEN YOU FINALLY START TO PLAY FRIENDLY

...I'VE BEEN GETTING AROUND TO IT. BUT THIS WILL ONLY BE FOR BUSINESS. IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED TO BE CLOSE TO HIM ON A PERSONAL LEVEL FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

WELL THAT'S A START

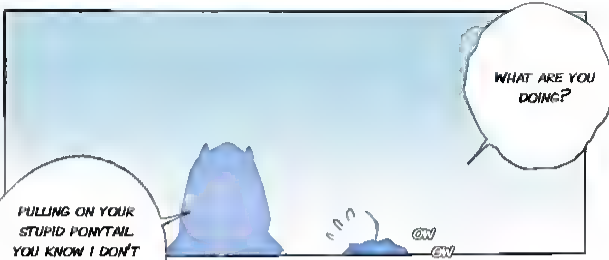
It was hard for me to get you to open up too. But that's how it goes when you're dealing with a tsundere.

I feel for you Leon

...?

..A tsun-what?

OOPS. WAS I SAYING THAT OUT LOUD?



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO OLD TO BE DOING SUCH A THING?

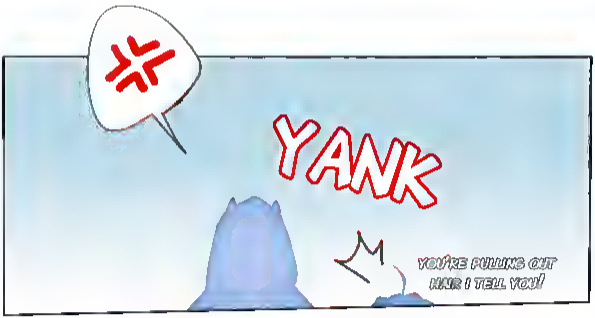
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE [illegible] OUT—

OW, OW OW- WELL ANYWAY, LEON SHOULD BE MEETING WITH THE HOSTIA RIGHT NOW.

I'M IMPRESSED THAT HE MANAGED TO FIND HER SO QUICKLY THOUGH. I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD TAKE LONG WITHOUT ANY FURTHER HELP.

IT'S SURPRISING THAT AN INTROVERT LIKE HIM COULD WORK BETTER WITH PEOPLE THAN YOU.

I MEAN, LET'S FACE IT. [illegible] KIND OF SOCIALLY CHALLENGED WITH THAT [illegible] OF [illegible]



LATER, I'LL CONFIRM WITH HIM IF HE'S LEGITIMATELY IDENTIFIED THE HOSTIA. IF HE DOESN'T FIGURE IT OUT, I'LL POINT HIM OUT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

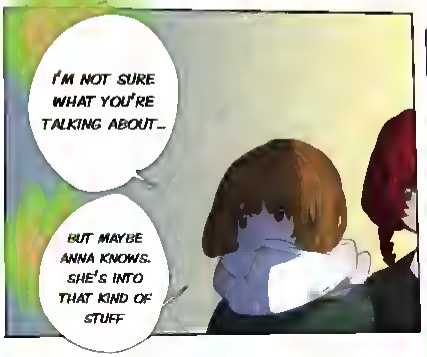
ALTHOUGH I'M HOPING HE DOES FIGURE-IT-OUT WITH HIS OWN POWER.

WE'LL BE ABLE TO PREPARE FOR THE DEFAECO DEPENDING ON HIS REPORT.

OPEN!
(KA CHAK)

SORRY. I'M UM, JUST...
UH. LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
FIRST YEARS ARE REALLY TINY.
IT'S ABOUT THAT PAPER CHARM THING. I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT.
WHAT'S THAT?
PAPER CHARM THING?

WELL THE RED ISN'T COMING FROM THESE TWO... I SAW IT LINGER OFF SOME PURPLE


I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
BUT MAYBE ANNA KNOWS. SHE'S INTO THAT KIND OF STUFF

ANNA!
YES?
IT'S HER. BUT WHERE'S THE RED? MAYBE IF I GET HER TO TALK SOME, IT WILL SHOW
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT PAPER CHARM THING, GOING AROUND?

PAPER CHARM? YOU MEAN THE PACHIKO PROMISE THING?
OH! IS THAT WHAT HE MEANT?

U-UH Y-YEAH! THAT ONE EXACTLY
I DON'T KNOW! I'LL JUST ROLL WITH IT

I'VE ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT. CAN YOU TELL ME MORE?

MY, UM, F-FRIENDS ARE CRAZY ABOUT THIS KIND OF STUFF AND WANTED TO TRY IT OUT.

REALLY?
WELL YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS COULD ALWAYS JUST LOOK IT UP. IT'S NOTHING TOO COMPLEX.

JUST SEARCH UP PACHIKO PROMISE ON YOUR PHONE—

I HAVE TO GO HOME NOW. I CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING MYSELF.

YEAH, OK.

IT'S A PRETTY GIRLY CHARM THOUGH I'M SURPRISED YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN THIS KIND OF STUFF.

AND I MEAN LIKE MAGICAL-GIRL LEVEL.

AH-- REALLY? I MEAN, YEAH... WE'RE INTO ANYTHING SUPERNATURAL. CHARMS, SPELLS, ETC.

MUMBLE

MAGICAL-GIRL YOU SAY?...

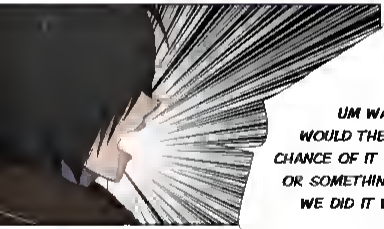
IS THAT SO? WELL GREAT FOR YOU GUYS, I GUESS.

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO GET THROUGH.

SURE THING.

MOVE

DAMN, IT DIDN'T COME UP AT ALL. MAYBE IF I TRIED MENTIONING--



UM WAIT! WOULD THERE BE A CHANCE OF IT BACK FIRING OR SOMETHING? LIKE IF WE DID IT WRONG?

BACK FIRE? IT'S JUST A CUTE LITTLE (PROBABLY) MADE-UP

PROMISE CHARM FROM THE INTERNET.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO SUMMON THE DEVIL OR ANYTHING.

COME ON. I WANNA GO HOME.

RIGHT...
BUT I'M JUST A LITTLE SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT THIS STUFF. I JUST HEARD THAT SOME KIDS GOT SICK AFTER DOING THIS CHARM THING.

THAT'S STUPID.
AS IF SOME MADE-UP CHARM WERE THE CAUSE OF MY FRIENDS BEING BEDRIDDEN.

ARE YOU REALLY HERE TO ASK ABOUT THE CHARM? OR ARE YOU HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME AND CALL ME A WITCH LIKE THE OTHER KIDS?

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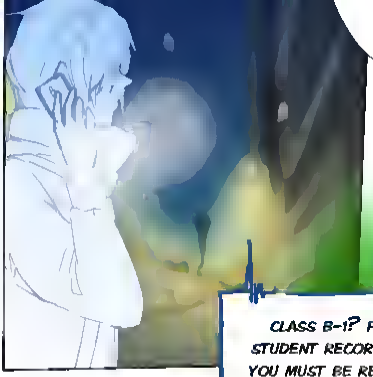
WHATEVER. DO IT AT YOUR OWN RISK THEN.

THERE'S NO DENYING IT NOW. I KNOW WHO THE TIMOREM BELONGS TO.
WOAH. IT'S SNOWING.
WOW. SO FAST. WHO IS IT?
I THINK HER NAME WAS ANNA. I DIDN'T CATCH HER LAST NAME.



SHE'S REALLY SHORT, WEARS ROUND GLASSES, HAS PALE PURPLE HAIR, SHARP EYES, AND IS IN CLASS B-1

CLASS B-1? FROM THE STUDENT RECORDS I COPIED YOU MUST BE REFERRING TO ANNA BURNE. NOW ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S HER?

YES. UNLESS THERE WAS ANOTHER TIMOREM AT MY SCHOOL, I CAN SAY THAT SHE'S THE ONE WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

OK. I TRUST YOU SINCE YOU BELIEVE SO STRONGLY. WE START THE DEFAECO FIRST THING TOMORROW.

I'LL SEND YOU A TEXT WITH
THE TIME AND PLACE.
FOR NOW GET PLENTY OF REST.
YOU'LL NEED IT.
OK

BYE THEN

BYE

BEEP

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